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Title: MONITORING CONTENTS OF FLUID CONTAINERS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	19
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Declaration	[To be Filed at a Later Date]
Drawing(s)	6

Enclosures:

- New disclosure information, including:
 - Information disclosure statement, 1 pages.
 - PTO-1449, 2 pages.
 - References, 26 items (only copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed).
- This application is entitled to small entity status.
- Postcard.

Under 35 USC §120, this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. application 10/274,606, filed October 21, 2002, now pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/832,531, filed April 11, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,585,055, issued July 1, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/212,121, filed December 15, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,302,218, issued October 16, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/879,445, filed June 20, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,848,651, issued December

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15, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/590,411, filed January 23, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,775,430, issued July 7, 1998, and a continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/US97/01025, with an International Filing Date of January 23, 1997, now abandoned..

Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/449,234, filed February 20, 2003.

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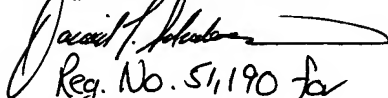
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